aircraft for operation, Air India has decided to send three aircraft for major maintenance abroad.

Errors in Bengali Spelling Displayed on Calcutta Doordarshan Programmes

*127. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the slate of complaints concerning frequent and innumerable gross errors in Bengali spelling displayed on Doordarshan programmes beamed from Calcutta; and

(b) whether measures have already been undertaken to redress the situation; and

(c) in case the answer to (b) above is in the negative, whether Government will appoint an Expert Committee to look into the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Doordarshan Kendra, Calcutta has taken steps, including the strengthening of its presentation section and use of the latest character generator, to prevent the occurence of spelling mistakes in its telecasts.

(c) Does not arise.

Hawala Operations

*128. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated 30th September, 1995, investigations into economic offences have lately revealed that treading houses and business companies for 'hawala' operations are sending money abroad to be slashed in secret bank accounts in Western Europe for getting their own money back, free from income tax; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to this large-scale rigging of the market so as to protect the Indian economy from the ill effects of these malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The Government have, in a few instances found evidence of misdeclaration of export value of goods exported to Russia. No evidence has so far been unearthed to indicate that the money has been kept in secret bank accounts in Western Europe and remitted back as proceeds of exports to Russia.

The Government Enforcement Agencies are vigilant against the occurrence of such malpractices. Appropriate action would be taken against the offenders whenever such cases are detected.

Procedural changes in appointment of top officials in Public Sector Banks

*129. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made procedural changes in appointing wholetime Directors in Public Sector Banks, including their Chairmen and Managing Directors, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(a) what steps will be taken to still update the procedures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) and (b) In the light of the recommendations made by the Joint Parliamentary Committee which enquired into the irregularities in securities and banking transactions, the system of selection and appointment of wholetime